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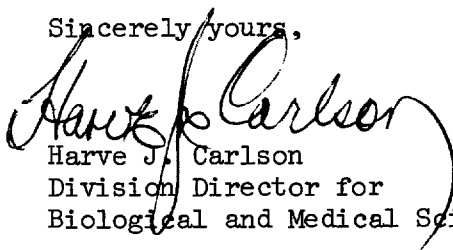
Dear Dr. Lederberg:

We regret to inform you that the National Science Foundation is unable to support your research proposal.

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Even though we are unable to support this proposal we would be pleased to consider other research proposals which you might wish to submit.

Sincerely yours,


Harve J. Carlson
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